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Club  
#1140

# The Tail Spinner

## Greater Southwest Aero Modelers

P.O. Box 1355

Bedford, TX 76021

<http://www.flygsw.org>



### 2005 AMA Gold Leader Club

*The Greater Southwest Radio Control Club is a nonprofit organization. Membership is nondiscriminatory and open to anyone who agrees to abide by Club rules. A condition of membership for insurance purposes is current affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). Our flying field is located on the North side of Randol Mill Road, 0.4 miles East of Highway 820 at N 32°46.895' W 97° 12.361'. Visitors are welcome whenever the gate is unlocked. Free flight training instruction is available to members from 6:00 PM to dusk on Tuesday and Thursday while Daylight Savings Time is in effect. Regular Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the North Richland Hills Parks and Recreation Building, 6720 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180 (on the corner of Rufe Snow and NE820).*

#### Next Meeting:

**September 13, 2005  
7:00PM**

**At The Field**

<b>President</b> .....	Mark Fuess.....	(817) 909-6065
<b>Vice President(s)</b> .....	Walt Fisher.....	(817) 540-5921
<b>Secretary</b> .....	Sonny Coleman.....	(817) 251-3940
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	James McGuinness .....	(817) 282-3509
<b>Newsletter Editor</b> .....	Roy Baker .....	(817) 545-4031

#### President's Corner

August has been a hot and dry month. September should bring cooler and wetter weather. Mark's resigning as the club's President caused me to become more aware of what happens within the inter workings of the club on a regular basis. The newsletter editor gathers, edits, and publishes the TAILSPINNER. The club Secretary keeps the minutes, maintains the club roster, and on a voluntary basis maintains the club web site. The club Treasure maintains the funds and pays all debts for the club. Even with Mark's absence, the club will get to end of the year without too much difficulty. Here are some more things that happen on a regular basis and almost automatically. Printing and mailing (by George Clark) of the newsletter, maintenance of the field (cutting 3 times a week, watering 3 times a week, picking up the hoses and sprinkler 3 times a week, seeding, fertilizing, fixing the mowers), purchasing supplies for the workdays, keys duplicated, applications delivered to the hobby shops, completed applications and money picked up from the hobby shops, applications delivered to the Secretary, name badges are ordered, drinks for the vending machine are purchased and stocked, gasoline and oil for the mowers is purchased, an occasional sign is made and installed at the field, None of this is done without club members involvement and volunteering, or without the club officers. All are dependable individuals who treat their duties much like a paying job. They are just that dependable and reliable. When you see the folks making all

#### BY-LAWS CONTROVERSY LINGERS

There are some members who for some reason think that any member wanting to amend a By-Law must have special authority to submit an amendment for consideration before the membership. They continue to advocate that the approval of the current By-Laws was done improperly. The following is an extract (cut and paste) of the previous By-Laws which explains how to amend the By-Laws, and to the best of my ability, it was complied with to the letter:

#### ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS

The BY -LAWS may be amended at any general meeting of the CLUB membership, provided the members shall have been notified at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to any member who requests it. It was voted upon by majority vote in the October 1999 meeting to require a 2/3rds majority vote to make any amendments to the BY -LAWS of the CLUB.

In the above, I find no requirement to obtain authority from anybody to submit an amendment for consideration. The proposed By-Laws were distributed at least 3 days in advance using the club's newsletter, the TAILSPINNER. Although no one requested such, a copy of the proposed amendments of the By-Laws was provided to each individual in attendance at the meeting. The By-Laws were reviewed line by line, paragraph by paragraph, and Article by Article, as the members voted on each. By a two thirds vote of the quorum, all but one

**September  
Event Calendar**

SEP 09-11--Waco, TX (C) 23rd Annual Southwest Jet Rally Site: HOTMAC Field, Speegleville Park III. Sponsor: Heart Of Texas Miniature Aircraft Club #613. CD: Max Blose, 1001 N. Betsy, Waco, TX 76706. Phone: 254-662-5587(day) 254-662-5587 (eve) E-Mail: bpamax@aol.com HOTMAC Field, Speegleville Park III, Lake Waco, Hwy 6-N Turbine Waivers required.

SEP 10--Midland, TX (C) Callin' of the Hogs Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Hi-Sky RC Club #851. CD: A.J. Lee, 811 Stanolind, Midland, TX 79705. Phone: 432-687-4142(day) E-Mail: a.j.lee@cox.net

SEP 10-11--Aubrey, TX (AA) 22nd Annual NDRCC Pattern Classic Site: Eagle Field. Events: 401 thru 404 & 406 (JSO) Sponsor: North Dallas Radio Control Club #1238. CD: David Cotton, 1901 Paris Avenue, Plano, TX 75025. Phone: 972-816-8034(day) 972-517-2752(eve) E-Mail: p.cotton@verizon.net WebSite: www.ndrcc.com Contest information and directions to field on web site. Awards 1st thru 3rd in each numbered event.

SEP 11--Fort Worth, TX (A) Cowtown Bar-B-Q'ed Combat Site: GSW Club Field. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Greater Southwest RC Society #1140. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) 972-618-2989(eve) E-Mail: edkettler@comcast.net WebSite: www.rccombat.com Field site is at Randol Mill Road, 1/4 mile

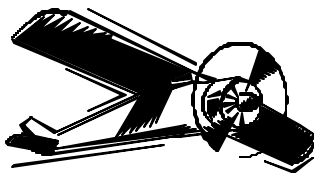


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East of Loop 820, Ft. Worth, TX. No Changes to class 755 Open B Combat. 2nd event will be RCCA Provisional Class SSC Combat.

SEP 16-18--Monaville, TX (C) 17th Annual B-17 Gathering & Scale Big Bird Fly-In Site: Bomber Field. Sponsor: Bomber Field, Inc. #230. CD: Nick Stratos, 10003 Rocky Hollow, LaPorte, TX 77671. Phone: 718-857-4108 (day) 281-471-6762(eve) E-Mail: nls@houston.rr.com Scale Big Bird, 80" Mono, 60" Bi-plane. Any Scale War Bird or Civilian aircraft. \$20 landing fee. RV's come early, no hook ups. Hamburgers, Cold Drinks & souvenirs available. Come see the B17's fly in formation. Paved & grass runways. Fleet Biplane w/5 cyl radial to be given away. See the 21' span Bear fly.

SEP 16-18--Tyler, TX (C) Tyler Big Bird Site:

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7336 Grapevine Hwy.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76118  
(817) 589-2624

5720 Davis Blvd.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76180  
(817) 581-0553



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Items for the Tail Spinner are due by the 25th of the month. Remember that ads are free to members. Send them to:

Roy Baker  
3303 Fox Glen  
Colleyville, TX 76034  
(817) 545-4031

(e-mail) [rbaker19@comcast.net](mailto:rbaker19@comcast.net)

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amendment was adopted. That item was removed and does not appear in the current By-Laws adopted by two thirds vote of the quorum.

I trust this removes all doubts about the passage of the By-Laws so the club can move on to bigger and greater things. I'd rather be FLYING.

Walt

## August Meeting Minutes

The August 2005 business meeting was called to order by Club President Mark Fuess at the club flying facility.

The minutes of the July meeting as printed in the newsletter were approved.

**Visitors:** Tim Cecil

**Flight Instructor Coordinator:** Solo Plaques were given to Preston Ponder, John Stanzak and Jim Kilpatrick, the latest pilots to complete their flight training and solo flights. Congratulations Guys!

### Old Business:

**Discussion:** The concession area water hose is to be removed to prevent future problems.

**August Work Day:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve digging a drainage ditch at the North end of the pit area to enhance water drainage. Drainage pipes are to be repaired during the September work day.

**2005 Club Christmas Party:** This year's Christmas Party is to be held at the Grand Restaurant, on Saturday 12/11/2005. The party will start at 6:00 PM and end at 8:30 PM. Tickets are \$11.00 per person.

### GSWAM Scale Masters Participants:

There will be over 65-70 competitors at the US Scale Masters Championship Finals in Arizona this year. GSWAM will have the largest number of competitors from any one club in the USA in attendance.

Three will be entered in the Expert Class, Tim Lovett, Max Ficken and Lawrence Harville. Two GSWAM members

will be entered in the Team Class, Lee Rice and Ed Neuman. Bring Home the Gold Guys! and the Best of Luck to you.

**Bylaw Changes:** There were several Club Bylaw changes proposed by Vice-President Walt Fisher, the attending club members made a motion to vote on each Bylaw modification item by item. The motion made to vote on each bylaw change was seconded and approved by the attending club members. The amended bylaws are to be posted in the Tail Spinner Newsletter and on the GSWAM Web Site.

**Club Web Site:** Be sure to visit the Greater Southwest Aero Modeler's web site at: <http://www.flygsw.org>. There is a current membership roster in the "Members" area and be sure to check out the club's "Tech" site, there's an abundance of useful information available.

Sonny Coleman - Secretary  
817-251-3940  
[Sonny@flygsw.org](mailto:Sonny@flygsw.org)

## SEPTEMBER'S AGENDA

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Greet and recognize new members and guests

Approve minutes of last meeting as printed in TAILSPINNER

Treasurer's report: James McGuiness

Safety discussion: Walt Fisher

Field Report: Walt Fisher

Training Coordinator's Report: Max Ficken

Certificate of Solo Presentation: Max Ficken

Planned/Scheduled Events: Gary Stevens

### OLD BUSINESS

Christmas Party Ticket Sales \$11 per person, includes drinks, TIP not included, Sunday 6 P.M., 11 December at

Grand Restaurant MacArthur and 635 EB Service Road Need ticket sales committee

Lawn Mower Hanger: Steve French

Overhead shelter for the glider/helicopter area.....Need Organizer

Model of the Month

### NEW BUSINESS

2006 Club elections (Nominations in October, Elections in November, take office at the Christmas Party)

Vice President Vacancy

RC Modeling Gadgets 101: Chuck Rovell

By-Law discussion

Raffle: Lawrence Harville

MEETING ADJOURNED

## All Scale Fly-In

With our thoughts and prayers with the victims of the hurricane disaster on our minds the Club hosted our 5th annual All Scale flyin Saturday September 3rd. 20 pilots signed up for the event and many other club members pitched in and worked the event.

Thanks to the generosity of the club more than \$1350.00 was raised for the benefit of the disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina. Stan Brock won Pilots Choice with his Fleet Biplane, Gary Boothe won best WW1 with his DR1, Gary Stephens won Best Civilian with his Beautiful Morrissey Bravo, and Bob Mueller won best WW@ with his Comet. Anyone wishing to make additional contributions can do so by giving their contributions to a Club Officer or buy donating to the Red Cross Katrina Relief Fund or to the charity of your choice. I know that the need is great and we all need to step forward and give our assistance.

Max

## GSWAM Supports Katrina Fund

At the All Scale Event on September 3rd, I put out a collection container for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. By the end of the day we gathered \$1078.00 plus three bags of food and clothing. That was fantastic! I took the donations to Lowe's Home Improvement Center on HWY 26 where they are matching donations dollar for dollar! Our net donation to the American Red Cross was \$2156.00. This really makes a difference and our membership should be proud. I'm recommending that we continue assisting these people throughout the year with continued collections at the club meetings as well as the remaining events of 2005.

Best Regards,  
Mark Fuess

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## AMA Members Helping Members

As the tragic events along the Gulf Coast unfold, it has become painfully apparent that the number of refugees from Hurricane Katrina is enormous. It is not unreasonable to estimate that there will be half a million or more homeless Americans for many months to come.

Among them, unfortunately, are an unknown number of AMA members. Based on the information at hand, we at AMA estimate that as many as 1,500 members could be in dire need of help. These are areas in which the U.S. Postal Service has suspended service because its facilities have been severely damaged or even obliterated by the storm. While many Federal and State agencies are doing all that they can, the magnitude of this disaster means that we all need to do our part.

AMA is establishing a program to try to help those members in need by matching them with someone who can help. If you're in a position to provide temporary shelter, assist with transportation needs, or just help a fellow modeler find his or her way back to a normal life, call our toll-free Hurricane Katrina Modeler Assistance Hotline at (866) 286-3302. Our staff will take your name and

some key information and try to match you with someone in need.

Many of us have an extra room, perhaps a spare car, or some other piece of equipment that's sitting around and could be put to good use during this time of unbelievable tragedy. I have volunteered space in my own home to assist this effort and I hope many of you will consider doing the same.

You can also register by going directly to AMAs Web site at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/katrina/?section=register> and completing a simple form. That's all it takes. It's only a simple telephone call or Web site registration, yet that simple act can have a dramatic impact on someone's life during this critical period.

Aeromodelers are a brotherhood, and many of our brothers need your help. Let's all pitch in and help these people who have suffered an unbelievable loss get back on their feet as quickly as possible. It's the right thing to do and it is something we can all do to aid the recovery process.

If you are a member who has been displaced by this disaster, or know a member who is in need of this type of help, you can use the same toll-free number to request help. AMA and your fellow members are standing by, anxious, and willing to help.

Remember (866) 286-3302 or use our Web site at <http://www.modelaircraft.org/katrina/?section=register> to volunteer assistance.

Dave Brown  
AMA President

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this happen show them some appreciation and help them if you can. Most are retired which indicates they maybe a little older than most or may not be in the greatest of physical condition and could always use a helping hand and a kind word.

SAFETY....We had an accident at the field Monday, 22 August. Not bad and as we often say it could have been a lot worse. BUT accidents are avoidable if we just think through what we are doing before doing it. In this case the victim

started the engine on the ground and when the engine started it started with maximum RPMs and lunged forward striking the pilot on the upper portion of his leg. The pilot suffered 3 deep cut wounds around mid thigh. First aid was administered on site and he drove himself to a professional medical treatment facility. Twenty three stitches and two days later he is back in the air. "Luck" if you call it that was with him this time, all will be well in a short time.

MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACKS say all of this could have been avoided had a starting table been used or someone had held the plane and of course if the throttle had been in the idle position. Hope you have a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you at the field again. Safety is everyone's business, PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

## GSWAM SCHEDULED EVENTS

11 SEPTEMBER  
COWTOWN BBQ COMBAT MEET  
Lee Liddle

22, 23 OCTOBER  
IMAA BIG BIRD w/Pancake Breakfast  
Gary Stevens

29 OCTOBER  
AMA FULL SCALE FLY-IN  
Tim Lovett

5 NOVEMBER  
BIPLANE FUN FLY  
Lawrence Harville

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CAN FOOD FLY-IN  
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3 DECEMBER  
TOYS FOR TOTS  
Gary Stevens

11 DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Walt Fisher

Walt Fisher

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## September Training Report

John Dale Stanzak completed his fixed wing solo Friday, 5 August 2005. Congratulations, John!

## BY LAWS PASS

I want to thank everyone who participated in the approval process of the By-Laws. I appreciate all of the comments and motions made during the entire discussion/voting phase. I thought all members handled themselves in an exceptional fashion. Of course not everyone agreed on all issues. It is okay to disagree as it provokes the thought process. But after voting on an issue we were able to continue and address the next issue. Because of cooperation and the efficient manner of voting we were able to address the Glossary of Terms and each Article of the By-Laws. We were then able to come to a 2/3s approval vote of the quorum on each, (with the exception of the Late Fee which was defeated after the discussion and voting, therefore, it was removed). All of which resulted in the passage of the By-Laws. I am proud that everyone heard on the issues that concerned them the most. The members' voices were heard.

Thanks...Walt

## AN OPEN LETTER WITH QUESTIONS

TO: ALL MEMBERS  
FROM: PAST CLUB OFFICERS AND SOME PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS

In reviewing the minutes of the meetings from September of 2004 to present, the club never voted ANYONE the authority to work on revisions of the by-laws. By whose authority was this even started?

Some Past officers, past/present members, and myself believe that the procedure used in the August 9, 2005 meeting to change the bylaws were incorrect, therefore, making changes null and void.

These changes include increasing the powers of the president and of a quorum (which can be as few as 15 members with only 10 voting yes) which now can do many things, including dissolve the club.

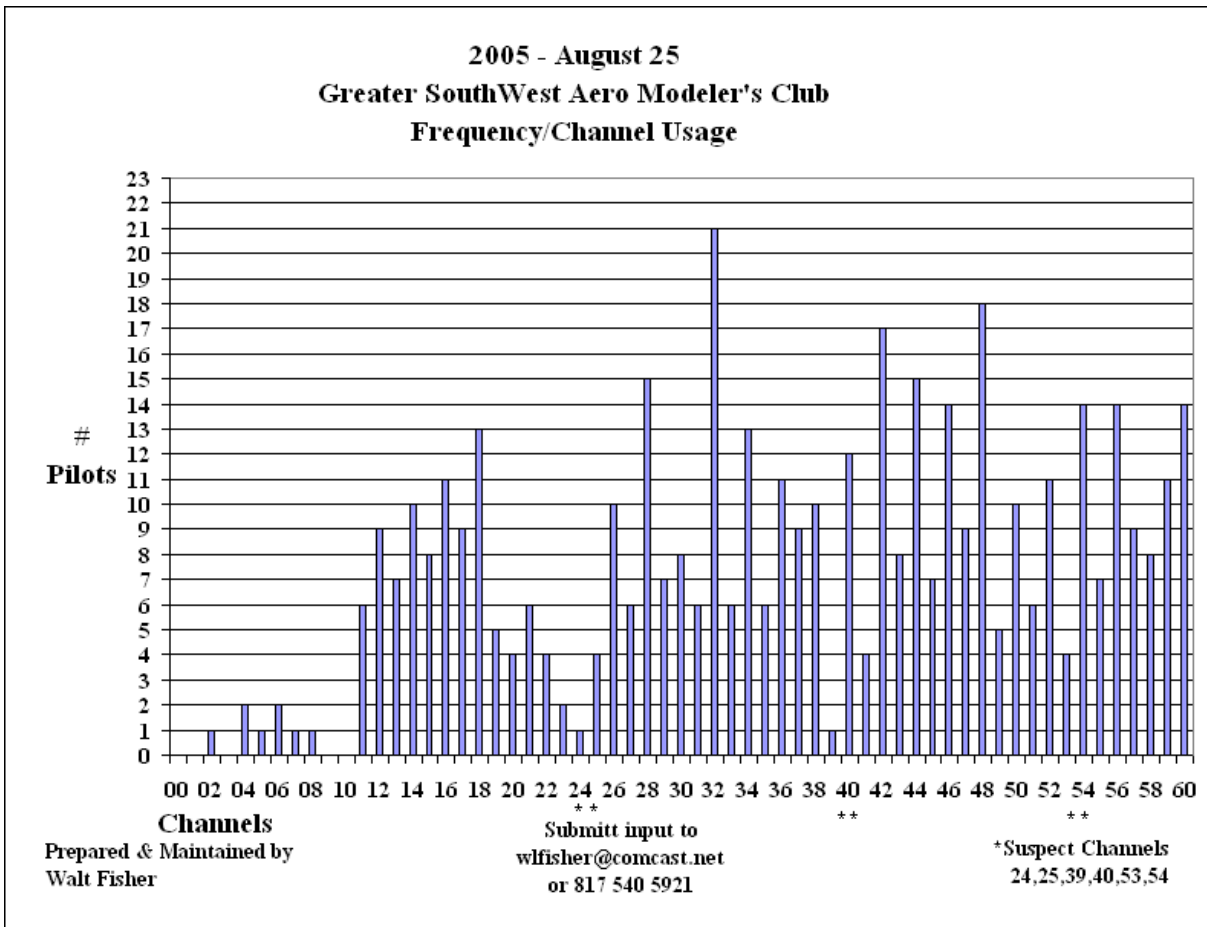
IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE

ABUSE OF POWER AND THE POSSIBLE CLOSING AND DESTRUCTION OF YOUR CLUB. I URGE YOU TO CONTACT MEMBERS PAST AND PRESENT TO HAVE EVERYONE ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2005. WE NEED ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESENT VICE PRESIDENT (8 MONTHS IN OFFICE) WHO IS NOW PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE PRESIDENT (PER NEW INCORRECT AND INVALID BYLAW CHANGES)

Thank You  
George Clark  
AMA# 132677  
GSW Secretary 1998-1999  
GSW President 2000-2003

Feel free to contact me--Phone, address, and email are on the club roster

WE NEED TO RESOLVE THIS MESS NOW AND GET BACK TO FLYING AND HAVING FUN!!





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North Park. Sponsor: Tyler Modelers #684. CD: Aaron Snyder, 1215 Wilder Way, Tyler, TX 75703. Phone: 903-581-0562(day) 903-581-0562(eve) E-Mail: sarita@cox-internet.com North Park is off of N. Loop 323. Awards for best of show; Military, Civilian, Aerobatic; Craftsmanship. Superb prizes and raffle.

SEP 17--Frisco, TX (C) NDRCC Annual Float Fly Site: Hidden Cove Park. Sponsor: North Dallas RC Club #1238. CD: Charlie Viosca, 11084 Windjammer Drive, Frisco, TX 75034-9266. Phone: 972-625-2922(day) 972-625-2922(eve) E-Mail: cjviosca@aol.com You've been to the rest so come fly with the "Best Little Float Fly In Texas".

SEP 17--Bratonia Park, TX (A) North Texas Round Robin RC Combat Site: Club Field. Events: 755 (JSO) Sponsor: Richardson RC Club #623. CD: Ed Kettler, 6725 Grant Lane, Plano, TX 75024. Phone: 469-867-7981(day) 972-618-2989(eve) E-Mail: ed.kettler@comcast.net WebSite: www.rcccombat.com/events/index.aspRC Combat for AMA 755 (JSO), 2458 Scale WW2 Fighters, and SSC using RCCA rules. Hard hats and AMA membership required.

SEP 17-18--Benbrook Lake, TX (AA) Cowtown IMAC Challenge Site: Thunderbird Field. Events: 411-414 (JSO) Sponsor: Ft. Worth, Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Rick Byrd,

2544 Creekwood Lane, Fort Worth, TX 76123. Phone: 817-291-7752(day) 817-294-2048(eve) E-Mail: rkbyrd@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.fwthunderbirds.org\$35 entry fee, lunch for pilots. Contestants will be asked to judge. Field open Friday for practice. Registration to start at 7:30am Saturday. For additional info contact woodyjr@charter.net or see web site. Plaques will be awarded in each numbered event, 1st thru 3rd places, JSO combined and for Freestyle as well.

SEP 24--Seagoville, TX (C) Small Steps Site: Club Field. Sponsor: Dallas RC Club #609. CD: Michael Sandling, 548 West Rea, Lancaster, TX 75146. Phone: 214-683-1994(day) 972-227-2023(eve) E-Mail: mhsandling@sbcglobal.net WebSite: www.dallasrcclub.orgPlanes limited to .25 power source or equivalent; .30 4-strokes okay. Come fly off our new extended runway; 500' x 40' concrete, lots of grass. Everything flies from the flight line. Concessions at field. \$10 landing fee. Y'all come!!

SEP 24--Bryan, TX (C) Just Plane Fun Fly-In Site: BVRC Wixon Valley Field. Events: Sponsor: Brazos Valley R/C Modelers #1731. CD: David Strawn, 601 Castlebrook, College Station, TX 77845. Phone: 979-696-7000 (day) 979-693-5655(eve) E-Mail: dstrawn@awesomenet.net WebSite: www.flybvrc.com

SEP 24--Benbrook, TX (C) Chuck Cunning-

ham Memorial Big Bird Fly-In Site: Thunderbird Field. Sponsor: Fort Worth Thunderbirds #1217. CD: Everette Slaughter, 1629 Timberline Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126-2917. Phone: 817-991-1844(day) 817-249-4880(eve) E-Mail: oslaughter@charter.net Awards and Raffle Prizes - Landing Fee \$10 - Come join all the fun at this great flying site.

SEP 24-25--Waco, TX (A) HOTMAC Combat Site: HOTMAC Field. Events: 328, 330, 331 (JSO) (See special event rules!) Sponsor: HOTMAC #613. CD: Pat Willcox, 1927 Running Springs, Kingwood, TX 77339. Phone: 281-358-1750(day) E-Mail: gpwillcox@earthlink.net Event 330: 1/2A - 42' lines and electric starters o.k.; Event 328: Speed limit combat 75mph; Event 331: .15 combat - slow rules, 52' Lines

SEP 24-25--Mt. Pleasant, TX (Cr) North East Texas R/C Club Big Bird Site: Club Field. Sponsor: North East Texas R/C Club #866. CD: Gus Hudson, 508 Merrell Dr., Sulphur Springs TX 75482. Phone: 903-243-1776 (day) E-Mail: gushudson@cox-internet.com WebSite: www.clubnetrc.com LF \$20 reg 8:30 Fly 9:00 RV SF Food/Bev PR For directions to the field check out our website.